

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of printing an image data file on a printing device, comprising the steps of:

receiving an image data file from an originator at said printer, said image data file including at least one originator identifier;

5 determining if said at least one originator identifier matches an authorization identifier stored in memory of said printer, said authorization identifier corresponding to at least one enable property; and

printing said image data file using at least one imaging substance, said imaging substance enabled for said originator.

10 2. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said enable property either enables or disables operation of said imaging substance for said image data file.

3. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said imaging substances include cyan toner, magenta toner and yellow toner.

4. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said imaging substances include cyan ink, magenta ink and yellow ink.

5. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said imaging substances are waxes.

6. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory.

7. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said authorization identifiers and said at least one enable property are stored in a look-up table.

8. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said memory is a flash memory.

9. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said originator identifier includes at least one of a user identifier and computer identifier.

10. The method of printing of claim 1, wherein said receiving is received from over a network.

11. A method of printing using a printer capable of printing image data and having a plurality of imaging substances comprising the steps of:

receiving at said printer an image data file, said image data file including image data and data corresponding to an originator of said image data file;

5        comparing said originator data with authorization data stored in memory of said printer, said authorization data including at least one authorization identifier and at least one enable property for each authorization identifier; and

printing said data using at least one imaging substance, said imaging substance enabled for said originator.

10      12. The method of printing of claim 11, further comprising enabling or disabling use of said imaging substances for said image data file based upon said authorization data, provided said originator data matches at least one authorization identifier.

13. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said imaging substances include a cyan toner, magenta toner and yellow toner.

14. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory.

15. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said authorization data stored in memory is stored in a look-up table.

16. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said memory is a flash memory.

17. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said origination identifier includes at least one of a user identifier and computer identifier.

18. The method of printing of claim 11, wherein said receiving is received from a client computer over a network.

19. A method of using a print device on a print medium, comprising the steps of:

receiving at said printer an image data file from an originator, said image data file including at least one origination identifier;

5        comparing said at least one origination identifier with authorization data stored in memory of said printer, said authorization data including at least one authorization identifier corresponding to at least one enable property for a consumable; and

performing an operation requiring said consumable provided said consumable is enabled for said originator.

10      20. The method of claim 19, wherein said consumable comprises one of toner, ink, staples and media type.

21. The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:

overriding at least one said enable property stored in said memory; and  
operating said printer with an availability of said consumable corresponding to  
said override.

- 5        22. A method of using a print device, comprising the steps of:  
          receiving a function request from an originator, said request including at least  
          one origination identifier;  
          comparing said at least one origination identifier with authorization data stored  
          in memory of said printer, said authorization data including at least one authorization  
10      identifier corresponding to at least one enable property for a function; and  
          performing said function, provided said function is enabled for said originator.